

The SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES

FORT HALL INDIAN RESERVATION
PHONE (208) 238-3700
(208) 785-2080
FAX # (208) 237-0797



FORT HALL BUSINESS COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 306
FORT HALL, IDAHO 83203

March 22, 2000

To:
Federal Caucus (see attached list):

This letter is in response to your letter dated March 15, 2000 regarding a government-to-government consultation to occur on Friday, March 24, 2000. We believe that you need to know that there appears to be a misunderstanding regarding this meeting. Our staff informs us that they repeatedly informed your staff that this is not a "consultation" meeting, that we did not agree to have a facilitator at the meeting, nor did we agree to a meeting in Spokane, Washington. Your staff was informed that it was appropriate to meet with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in Fort Hall, Idaho on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation unless you were meeting with all thirteen Tribes of the Basin together. We understand that you had decided to meet with the Tribes in separate groups.

We did authorize staff to discuss a meeting of Snake River tribes in Boise in order to better accommodate all parties and perhaps include the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes and Burns Paiute Tribe as their staff indicates that they are interested in such a meeting. This has not been arranged yet, nor have we heard if it will be arranged.

Despite these issues being raised again and again by the Shoshone-Bannock tribal staff, the planning of the meeting went forward without agreement by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. If you review the various notes and e-mail we believe you will see a lack of involvement and/or agreement by the staff for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. In addition, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes had no say on the agenda. The agenda was not received by our staff until yesterday. We specifically have not agreed to have any facilitator in such discussions. There should be no outside intermediary between the federal agencies and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. We have nothing against Mr. Karl Funke, it is just that we do not believe an outside facilitator is necessary or appropriate. Nor do we believe it appropriate to use any funding under the MOA from BPA for such a purpose. We have a Chairman who directs the meetings with the Fort Hall Business Council just as you have directors or administrators that have been delegated certain powers and authorities to conduct meetings on behalf of your agency.

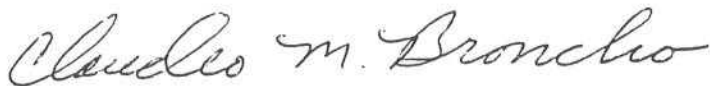
Letter from Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to Federal Caucus
March 22, 2000

Page 2

We certainly are not trying to dictate how the UCUT Tribes and the Colville Tribe want to proceed. If they have agreed to attend the March 24, 2000 meeting and have it suffice as a government to government consultation we certainly do not want to interfere or interrupt that process. However, you need to recognize that the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes do not construe this as a government to government meeting as it was not set up with the Fort Hall Business Council. Nor is this a consultation on the All-H paper. We will wait for that to be scheduled here at Fort Hall. We have instructed staff to attend as we have been invited by the other Tribes and by federal staff. We are not trying to stop the meeting from proceeding. We believe it is necessary to ensure that you know that, from the perspective of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, this is not a government to government consultation meeting with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. In fact, it is not a meeting with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you on scheduling a meeting here at Fort Hall or Boise, Idaho.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudio M. Broncho".

Duane Thompson, Chairman
Fort Hall Business Council

Cc: Fort Hall Business Council
Tribal Chairs
Lionel Boyer
Chad Colter, Candy Jackson

Federal Caucus Mailing List

William Stelle
Regional Director
National Marine Fisheries Service
7600 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115-0070

Anne Badgley
Regional Director
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
911 NE 11th Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-4181

Chuck Clark
Regional Director
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Sixth Ave.
Seattle, Washington 98101

Judith Johansen
Bonneville Power Administration, MG
905 NE 11th Ave. / P.O. Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

Stan Speaks
Area Director
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs
911 NE 11th Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-4169

J. William McDonald
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
PN Regional Office
1150 N Curtis Rd. Suite 100
Boise, ID 83706-1234

Brigadier General Carl Strock
Commander, Northwestern Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 2870
Portland, OR 97208

Elaine Zielinski
State Director (Oregon/Washington)
Oregon State Office
Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 2965
Portland, OR 97208

Martha Hahn
State Director (Idaho)
Idaho State Office
Bureau of Land Management
1387 S. Vinnell Way
Boise, ID 83709

Larry Hamilton
State Director (Montana)
Montana State Office
Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 36800
Billings, MT 59107

Harv Forsgren
Regional Forester, Region 6
U.S. Forest Service
333 SW First Ave. / P.O. Box 3623
Portland, OR 97208-3623